DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Sanctions an additional allotment of Rs. 50,000 for the award of Backward Class Scholarships.

Read—

Government Order No. 8940-90—Edn. 96-16-12, dated 8th May 1917, passing orders instituting scholarships for the education of Backward Classes and sanctioning a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 annually for the award of scholarships among the Backward Class students.

2. Government Order No. E. 1875-823—Edn. 134-21-57, dated 9th September 1922, directing that the period of tenure of all scholarships in the State including those in the University be reduced to ten months and stating that this measure would result in a savings of Rs. 17,000 in the allotment for scholarships.

3. Government Order No. Fl. 724-73—G. F. 181-23-2, dated 31st July 1923, sanctioning a provision of Rs. 17,000 for the restoration of the full amount of one lakh of rupees, originally sanctioned for Backward Class and Depressed Class Scholarships.

4. Government Order No. E. 2483-5—Edn. 148-23-9, dated 13th November 1925, sanctioning an additional lumpsum allotment of Rs. 8,000 for the award of Backward Class and Depressed Class Scholarships.

5. Government Order No. D. 12360-1—Edn. 126-27-6, dated 16th May 1928, sanctioning a sum of Rs. 2,000 for the award of scholarships to the students of the minor Backward Communities who will not be benefited by the general scheme of Backward Class Scholarships.

ORDER NO. D. 4934-36—EDN. 247-28-6, DATED 10TH NOVEMBER 1928.

The present grant for the award of scholarships among students of the Backward Communities (including Mahomedan and Depressed Classes) is Rs. 1,10,000. From this grant, scholarships are awarded for all grades of education except primary and the amount has been found to be inadequate to the growing demand especially in the High School and University grades. There are at present 197 scholarships in the University Colleges and 452 in the High Schools and as the number of students belonging to Backward Communities has increased to 931 in the former and 2,274 in the latter, scholarships are at present available to only about 19 per cent of the total number of students of these communities in the High Schools and Colleges.

2. Representations have been repeatedly received in the Representative Assembly and in the Legislative Council for the enhancement of the grant for this purpose to Rs. 2 lakhs, and it has been brought to the notice of Government that many deserving students have had to go without assistance for want of an adequate provision. Though Government have always sympathised with these representations, financial conditions have so far prevented any material increase in the grant.

3. The Scheme of Backward Class Scholarships which has been now in operation for over ten years has been a most potent factor in the uplift of the great mass of the population in the State. It has very materially increased the number of pupils from these communities in the schools and colleges and has resulted in the spread of enlightenment among the bulk of the people. It is mainly due to this measure that communities which formerly did not seem to appreciate the benefits of education are now eagerly pressing forward and asking for further facilities. The number of scholarships which was fairly adequate when the scheme was first instituted, has now become disproportionately small when compared with the total number of pupils in need of such assistance.

4. In these circumstances and in view of the present improvement in the State's finances, Government are pleased to sanction an additional grant of Rs. 50,000 for a period of three years in the first instance from the current year for the award of scholarships to the students of the Backward Classes, including the Mahomedan and Depressed Classes students. It is expected that this will meet the increased demand to an appreciable extent and give a great impetus to the education of the Backward Classes.

5. In sanctioning the above grant, Government direct that it should be utilised solely for education in High Schools and Colleges under the University and in Technical Institutions like the School of Engineering, etc., the method of distribution of this additional grant in 1929-30 and 1930-31 will be settled by Government later on; but for the current year the amount of Rs. 50,000 will be appropriated as indicated below:—

A sum of Rs. 10,000 will be reserved at present for the award of scholarships in the Technical Schools and separate orders will be issued in due course regarding its distribution. Of the balance, Rs. 15,000 will be placed at the disposal of the University and Rs. 25,000 with the Education Department for scholarships in the High School Classes as aforesaid.

6. The Registrar, Mysore University and the Director of Public Instruction are requested to award additional scholarships at the rates now obtaining to the extent of the additional amount made available. The allotment of scholarships among the various Backward Communities will be in conformity with the rules already in force.

7. A demand will be placed before the Legislative Council at its next session for this additional grant. Pending sanction of the Legislative Council, the Comptroller is requested to place the amount at the disposal of the University and the Education Departments so that the scholarships might be awarded without loss of time.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

Re-organisation of the Well Boring Section.

READ—

Government Order No. D. 11136-37, dated 18th April 1928 sanctioning the continuance of the Well Boring Section during 1928-29, pending the re-organisation of the establishment.

2. Letter No. D. 2212—27-28, dated 16th—18th April 1928, from the Director of Industries and Commerce submitting proposals for the re-organisation of the Well Boring Section.

ORDER NO. D. 4203-5—I. & C. 319-27-6, DATED 10TH OCTOBER 1928.

The Well Boring Section of the Industries and Commerce Department has, at present two Calyx Core Drills, three power Musto Drills, and one hand Musto Drill which is shortly to be converted into a power appliance. The purchase of a Cyclone Drill has been sanctioned and therefore there will be, in all, seven drills. It is necessary to provide for keeping these drills continuously in operation throughout the year though it is probable that, at the outset one or more sets may be occasionally out of work for brief intervals. The Director states that at present there are three operators and one driver who is also doing the work of an operator and the new Calyx Drill is under the direct charge of the Well Boring Engineer, Mr. A. V. Raghavachar. This staff is obviously inadequate as in the Director's opinion, each drill requires for its efficient employment a complement of at least three men—an operator, a fitter and a helper. The present proposals aim at securing the minimum staff required for making full use of the equipment now available.

Government are pleased to accept the opinion of the Director as to the strength of the staff necessary for working each drill, but in view of the probability that all the drills may not at present be in continuous operation, they consider that it would be enough if five out of the seven drills are provided with staffs, the other two being operated by hands employed according to the requirements of work.

As stated above, each Drill-party will consist of :—

One Operator, one Helper, and one Fitter.

The staff for operating five drills will, for the present be regarded as a temporary establishment, but without any limitation as to the period of employment. The staff required for the other two drills will also be of the same strength as allowed for the five units but will be placed on a system of daily wages. These men also should

possess the qualifications laid down later on, for this class of employees; and when they are not actually employed, they may be allowed the option to remain as unpaid apprentices.

The strength of the fixed as well as the daily wages units is given in the margin. In the case of the latter, daily wages will be calculated on the sanctioned scale of monthly rates for the corresponding hands of the fixed staff.

A. FIXED STAFF.

Operators	Fitters	Helpers
5	5	5
One on Rs. 100	2 on Rs. 40	Rs. 25 each
One „ 80	3 „ 30	
Three „ 50		

B. DAILY WAGES STAFF.

2 Operators	2 Fitters	2 Helpers

The following points should be borne in mind in filling up the appointments of the above three classes of workmen :—

Operators on Rs. 100 and Rs. 80.—Persons possessing special experience of the well-boring work should be preferred.

Operators on Rs. 50 and Fitters on Rs. 40 and Rs. 30.—Students of the Engineering School who have passed the higher grade in Mechanical Engineering should be employed as operators and fitters.

Helpers.—Students of the Engineering School who have passed the lower grade in Mechanical Engineering should be taken as helpers.

The Director is requested to retain such members of the existing staff as are fit for work, in his opinion, and to recruit the remaining hands, agreeably to the instructions given above.

Government direct that all work relating to replacements and repairs of drills should be carried out by the Central Industrial Workshop as far as possible. For attending to emergent drill repair work in the moffusil, the Director is authorised to employ a smith on Rs. 50 and a hammerman on Rs. 20.

The Director has proposed for supervision work, two officers, one a Well Boring Engineer, and the other, an Inspector. Government consider that only one officer is at present sufficient for the purpose. Mr. A. V. Raghavachar, Assistant Superintendent, Central Industrial Workshop, now on special duty in the Well Boring Section, will be the Well Boring Engineer. He will be given his pay as Assistant Superintendent, Central Industrial Workshop, plus a duty allowance of Rs. 75 so long as he continues in the Well Boring Section. His services may be placed at the disposal of the University as early as other satisfactory arrangements can be made for supervisory work of the Section. The details of staff sanctioned in this order are shown in the statement annexed.

N. RAMA RAO,
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Development Departments.

ANNEXURE.

STATEMENT.

	Rs.
1 Well Boring Engineer	150—15—300+75 D. A.
1 Operator	.. 100
1 Do	.. 80
5 Operators	.. 50
(3 on Fixed Pay)	
(2 on Daily Wages)	
2 Fitters	.. 40
5 Do	.. 30
(3 on Fixed Pay)	
(2 on Daily Wages)	
7 Helpers	.. 25
(5 on Fixed Pay)	
(2 on Daily Wages)	
1 Smith	.. 50
1 Hammerman	.. 20